

# Shovel Ready

## Indiana's Shovel Ready Program for Economic Development Sites

The Shovel Ready Program is geared toward improving the marketability of Indiana communities in the site selection process. The program plays a vital role in state economic development by helping companies and communities identify sites that can be rapidly developed. To be Shovel Ready certified, a site must have undergone an environmental process and qualified for expedited permitting with state regulatory agencies to allow quick investment and expansion

### Benefits

The Shovel Ready Program lowers the cost of site development, improves efficiency of state permitting and enhances the marketability of the site. Because site information is available before development, potential risks of investing and improving new land are reduced for businesses.

### How It Works

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation will lead the program administration of Shovel Ready and will utilize the FASTeam to deliver the fast track permitting at the State level.

Shovel Ready Sites are certified by the Fast Access Site Team (FASTeam), which is composed of representatives from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Governor's Office, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana State Department of Agriculture and the Indiana State Department of Homeland Security.

### Goals

- Help local communities prepare sites for development by pre-permitting a site as much as possible
- Certify sites to help companies more easily navigate the selection and permitting process
- Generate a list of remaining permits necessary for a specific site
- Help fast-track the remaining state, federal and local business/industry specific permits
- Provide marketing assistance through the IEDC site selection database

### Minimum Standards for Certification

- Executive level community support (Mayor, County Commissioner, Town Council President) demonstrating a local commitment to expedite, when possible, local permitting
- Ownership of property clearly identified; property should be owned or optioned by local economic development organization, local unit of government, developer, end user or utility
- Sufficient infrastructure in place
- Identify water bodies and receiving streams at the site, including a Waters of the State determination
- Topography maps associated with site are supplied
- Environmental assessment of property complete through appropriate Phase I, and if indicated, a Phase II evaluation

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